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# Topics

- Human Immunodeficiency Virus Policy Revisions
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases in New USCG Recruits
- Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* on US Coast Guard Cutter POLAR STAR

# HIV Policy Revisions

- Prompted by AFEB-recommended change in testing frequency
- Long overdue
  - CG-unique dilemmas
  - Current policy scattered
  - No clear designation of responsibilities
  - Problematic tracking of personnel

# STD's in New Recruits

- Cape May policy – test all females
  - Human Papillomavirus
  - Gonococcus
  - Chlamydia
- 2004 began reporting monthly frequencies
- Issues
  - Clinical cases
  - Male testing

# MRSA: USCGC POLAR STAR

- March 2004 reports of MRSA from POLAR STAR
- Australia en route from Antarctica
- New reports August 2004
- Investigation and Education (Reassurance?) as crew readies to deploy

# MRSA: USCGC POLAR STAR

- Data compiled by HSC—keyword searches
- Five laboratory confirmed cases

Case #	No. of skin inf
1	5
2	4
3	6
4	1
5	2 (?)